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Legislatures now in Special Session

Arizona - 2nd Special Session
Minnesota

Texas
Ohio (Convened)

Legislatures now in Regular Session

Illinois
Michigan

New Hampshire

New Jersey
Wisconsin

I. FEDERAL LEGISLATION

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACTS

H. R. 7577. Mr. Flannagan.

Provides for adjustment contracts with farmers producing "major" agricultural commodities i.e., cotton, wheat, field corn and certain types of tobacco. The bill would establish the "ever normal granary" to be supported by surplus reserve loans, Soil Conservation payments and parity payments. The Secretary is also permitted to establish individual "marketing quotas" when the supply of commodities exceeds the normal supply by a given percentage. The marketing quotas would be enforced by excess marketing penalties.

To Committee on Agriculture, June 18.

BANKING, CURRENCY, CREDIT

H. R. 7554. Mr. Jones.

To amend the Farm Loan and Credit Acts to extend Land Bank Commissioner loans, to authorize the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to make loans to Federal Land Banks and joint stock land banks on security of real estate mortgages, providing for 12 farm credit boards to act as ex officio directors of the Federal intermediate credit bank, production credit corporation and bank for cooperatives and extend the class of eligible purposes for Federal land bank loans to include refinancing of indebtedness.

This bill seeks to change and clarify operations of the Farm Credit Administration in the interest of efficiency and economy.
To Committee on Agriculture, June 17.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE

S. 2619. Mr. Murray.

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act (paragraph (1) of Section 22) to permit carriers to give reduced rates for the transportation of property to or from any section of the country with the object of providing relief in case of earthquake, flood, fire, famine, drought, epidemic or other disaster if such reduced rates have first been authorized by the Commission, and that the Commission's order may define the classes entitled to such reduced rates as being persons designated as being in distress and in need of relief by agents of the United States or any State authorized to assist in relieving such distress.
To Committee on Interstate Commerce, June 10.

HYDRO ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

H. R. 7453. Mr. Kitchens.

To create the Ouachita Valley Authority as a corporation to develop the river valley along the same lines as the T.V.A.
To Committee on Rivers and Harbors, June 9.

TENANCY

H. R. 7562. Mr. Jones.

To promote the ownership of farm homes. This bill supersedes H. R. 6240 (see Bulletin 15, p. 1) which has heretofore been reported to the House. The bill is the same as H. R. 6240 except that the amounts authorized to be appropriated are less than those heretofore recommended. Under this bill, authorizations of appropriations under title I (tenant provisions) are limited to \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year 1938, \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year 1939, and \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year 1940. Under title II (rehabilitation provisions) the \$75,000,000 authorization has been eliminated but the power of the President to allot relief funds for the purpose remains. Under title III (acquisition of submarginal lands) the appropriations authorized are \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year 1938, and \$20,000,000 for the two fiscal years thereafter.

Reported from Committee on Agriculture, June 13.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

H. R. 7439. Mr. Atkinson.

To amend the T. V. A. Act to include the Cumberland River and its basin.

To Committee on Military Affairs, June 8.

II. STATE LEGISLATION

(Includes only outstanding proposals likely to be of interest to Legislatures other than the one in which the Bill is introduced.)

DRAINAGE

Massachusetts. H. B. 1860. Mr. Luitwieler.

To provide for the acquisition of lands, easements and rights of way for flood control purposes in the Merimack River in compliance with the interstate compact for flood control in the Merimack River Valley.

Approved May 28, Laws 1937, Chapter 423.

Massachusetts. H. B. 1861. Mr. Baylies.

To provide for the acquisition of lands, easements and rights of way for flood control purposes in the Connecticut River in compliance with the interstate compact for flood control in the Connecticut River Valley.

Approved May 29, Laws 1937, Chapter 397.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Colorado. H. B. 676. Mr. Taylor.

To authorize the State Board of Land Commissioners to enter into cooperative agreements with the W.P.A., C.C.C., Soil Conservation Service, or any other Federal Agency for the improvement and betterment of state owned land and to furnish necessary materials and tools. There is an appropriation of \$2,500.

Approved June 3.

Florida. H. B. 642. Mr. Kelly.

To appropriate \$50,000 for the biennium for acquisition and development of state forests and parks in cooperation with the Federal Government to be spent under the direction of the State Board of Forestry.

Approved June 12.

Pennsylvania. S. B. 1137. Mr. Kahle.

To amend the Constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring and developing land for state forest purposes.

Filed with Secretary of State June 3.

REAL PROPERTY

Texas. H. B. 821. Mr. Carssow.

To create housing authorities in cities and counties to undertake projects of dwelling accommodations for persons of low income. The property and securities of such housing authorities shall be exempt from taxation assessment but they are authorized to make

payments to political subdivisions in lieu of taxes.

Approved June 8.

Texas. H. B. 820. Mr. Carron.

To authorize political subdivisions to aid housing projects
(Federal or State) by furnishing parks, streets, improvements
and facilities.

Approved June 8.

H. A. Hockley

